

Alcohol Survey Results

The Alcohol Purchase Survey is conducted annually by MHRH to determine the rate of sales of alcohol to persons under the legal drinking age of 21. A random sample of licensed liquor establishments is selected. Compliance checks are then conducted at these establishments. During a compliance check, an underage surveyor between the ages of 18-19, who is under supervision of a police officer, attempts to buy alcohol at one of the establishments. The surveyors carry no identification and are instructed to be truthful if asked about their age. In the table that follows, N represents the number of establishments that sold alcohol to the underage surveyor during the compliance check.

	2000					2001					2002					2003				
	Total Sites Statewide	Sites Sampled	Survey Complete	Alcohol Sale to Youth		Total Sites Statewide	Sites Sampled	Survey Complete	Alcohol Sale to Youth		Total Sites Statewide	Sites Sampled	Survey Complete	Alcohol Sale to Youth		Total Sites Statewide	Sites Sampled	Survey Complete	Alcohol Sale to Youth	
				N	%				N	%				N	%				N	%
Barrington	4					4	2				4	1				3				
Block Island	26	8				26	12				8	2				8	2			
Bristol	34	9	8	2	25.0%	35	15	13	2	15.4%	36	12	11	4	36.4%	36	14	11	5	45.5%
Burrillville	21	8	5	1	20.0%	22	8				22	5				22	9			
Central Falls	30	14	9	0	0.0%	35	19	18	13	72.2%	35	16				37	14			
Charlestown	16	3	2	0	0.0%	15	6				8					11	4			
Coventry	25	9	7	1	14.3%	30	13				28	11	10	2	20.0%	30	14			
Cranston	94	38				98	37	35	8	22.9%	101	47	40	14	35.0%	102	34	30	5	16.7%
Cumberland	29	10	10	1	10.0%	27	10	8	0	0.0%	30	18				31	10	8	2	25.0%
East Greenwich	28	10				29	12	8	2	25.0%	24	11				26	7			
East Providence	68	28	23	10	43.5%	68	25	20	12	60.0%	75	29	25	6	24.0%	75	30			
Exeter	10	4	3	2	66.7%	10	5	1	0	0.0%	9	4	3	1	33.3%	11	3	2	0	0.0%
Foster	7	2	2	2	100.0%	7	2	2	1	50.0%	6	1	1	1	100.0%	6	2	1	1	100.0%
Glocester	13	3	2	1	50.0%	13	6	5	1	20.0%	13	6	5	1	20.0%	15	6			
Hopkinton	8	3				7	3				7	5				8	3			
Jamestown	9	5	3	1	33.3%	10	4	3	1	33.3%	10	2	2	0	0.0%	11	4			
Johnston	47	19	18	5	27.8%	42	17	9	0	0.0%	44	18	10	1	10.0%	44	18			
Lincoln	23	7	6		0.0%	25	9	8	1	12.5%	24	14	11	1	9.1%	25	8	3	1	33.3%
Little Compton	5	4	2	1	50.0%	6	3	2	0	0.0%	5	1	1	0	0.0%	6	3	2	1	50.0%
Middletown	41	20	13	0	0.0%	40	13	11	3	27.3%	41	19	12	1	8.3%	42	14			
Narragansett	33	14				33	13	6	3	50.0%	32	13	7	4	57.1%	32	11			
Newport	97	39	28	0	0.0%	92	38	23	0	0.0%	92	39	22	0	0.0%	97	38	33	9	27.3%
North Kingstown	36	18				35	15	14	0	0.0%	36	13	8	0	0.0%	34	14	9	4	44.4%
North Providence	47	20				46	20				49	31				48	17	16	0	0.0%
North Smithfield	11	4	4	2	50.0%	11	4	4	2	50.0%	11	4	3	0	0.0%	11	5			
Pawtucket	99	44	34	4	11.8%	97	40	35	8	22.9%	96	40	32	4	12.5%	90	33	31	7	22.6%
Portsmouth	22	9				22	10	6	1	16.7%	22	9				21	8			
Providence	312	133	96	29	30.2%	302	128	101	32	31.7%	311	121	110	22	20.0%	316	123	109	12	11.0%
Richmond	10	4	3	2	66.7%	10	4	3	0	0.0%	10	3	3	2	66.7%	13	5	4	0	0.0%
Scituate	5	1	1	0	0.0%	5	2	2	0	0.0%	5	3				5	3			
Smithfield	38	21	15	2	13.3%	34	17				42	15	9	0	0.0%	40	15	9	2	22.2%
South Kingstown	32	11	11	2	18.2%	31	12	9	2	22.2%	31	11	10	1	10.0%	32	9	6	4	75.0%
Tiverton	21	11	8	1	12.5%	21	10	6	0	0.0%	17	10	8	0	0.0%	20	9	5	0	0.0%
Warren	30	12				30	14	11	2	18.2%	29	11	8	4	50.0%	30	11	10	0	0.0%
Warwick	126	45	37	26	70.3%	131	44	33	4	12.1%	128	43	37	8	21.6%	128	41	36	3	8.3%
West Greenwich	9	2				10	3	2	1	50.0%	10	5	1	1	100.0%	10	4	1	1	100.0%
West Warwick	44	21	18	7	38.9%	41	16	11	3	27.3%	42	17	17	0	0.0%	42	11	10	1	10.0%

Westerly	53	22	16	1	6.3%	53	20	15	3	20.0%	46	22	18	1	5.6%	51	22	14	2	14.3%										
Woonsocket	64	24	19	0	0.0%	68	26	22	1	4.5%	68	25	12	0	0.0%	66	25	23	0	0.0%										
Grand Total	1627	659	403	103	25.6%	1621	657	446	106	23.8%	1607	657	436	79	18.1%	1635	603	373	60	16.1%										
Confidence Interval					±3.7						±3.4										±3.1					±3.3				